THE CONSTITUTIONAL ELECTION.

LOUISIANA TO BE A FREE STATE.

CAPTURE OF SHREVEPORT.

UNION VICTORY AT CANE RIVER.

SIX HUNDRED PRISONERS TAKEN.

INTERESTING DETAILS OF NEWS.

By the arrival of the steamship Varuna, Capt. ington, and the Morning Star, Capt. Hepburn, we have New-Orleans dates to the 2d inst. Purser Fuller reports: The Morning Star left New-Orleans Saturday, oil 2. Arrived at Havana on the morning of the 5th. and left the same day. Left at Havana steamship Corsica, for New-York on the 9th. Passed in the harbor, bound in, steamship Clyde, from St. Thomas, Ten miles cost of Havana passed steamship Eagle, from New-York. Passed in the Mississippi River, bound up, ship Winthrop, schooner Forest King, and barks Comet and J. Godfrey. 175 miles southeast of Southwest Pass, passed steamship Havana, from Havana for ns. The Morning Star has experienced very E. H. Chao weather the entire passage; strong north-east gal s and heavy head ses.

The Red River Expedition-Grent Battle Reported at Cane River-Cotton Supply.

NEW-OBLEANS, April 2, 1864. e Red River expedition of Gens. Banks and Smith seems to be progressing finely, though as yet we know but little of what has actually transpired in that quan er, beyond the fact of the occupation of Alexanand Natchitoches, and that our troops are bravely ng on. There was considerable excitement yes-

and Natchiteches, and that our troops are bravely sing on. There was considerable excitement yesciley over an extra got out by The True Delta, and sing a great battle at Cane River. An intimation the evening edition that the sail extra and battle founded more upon the immemorial castoms of a Foel's Day than upon information or fact, had the pet of quicking the excitement. A load of contrasts, an early 900 in number, arrived from Alexandrie as tevening. The steamer on which they were apported hither brings us no later news. As yet we have no additional particulars of the affair Matchiteches, concerning which I wrote in my last tier. We are, also still without any trustworthy action, which is the condition of affairs at Shreveport, though sepectation that the enemy will give battle before addoning that country is growing weaker every day. It is a remarkable fact that this Red River expedition set followed by that anxious interest and solicitude aich hag heretofore attended similar army movement. sees of our troops is looked upon as a matter of and the cotton speculators are the only people if Awiser is deep weighing probabilities and sin connection with the expedition. Will cotton led: Will it be "got out" in large loss? Such questions they ask and answer according as they wested as hurers or sellors of the great staple, the discussion of this important matter of trade, y, the brave men who are carrying the lags into get an accidental notice nothing more. I fear we would have come to look upon the war as nany people have come to another to get rich.

Nocative.

### A Big Pight at Come Biver.

Welvera from the steamer Illinois, which are ad a steins force in 600 strot iver. The right lested two a which Dedley a ravely are

in hot pursuit, Lee's cavalry following R. S. Abi

rapidly and picking up stranglers. Col. rigade took a sheet rest after the fight and y assumed the advance.

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he steamer Lacross was burned by guerrillas 20 sethis side of Alexandria. The steamer at the time her capture was nachored in the middle of the am. The Rebels seeing her position, secreted themes behind a bend of the river, constructed a raft, some some second of the river, constructed a raft, a was not time to raise steam and the best fell an prey. Had she been armed according to the regime, she might have been saved. The law requires all als sailing the Western rivers to be armed with sity-five United States maskets. The boat was plund, burned, and the crew paroled—the military com-

On Wednesday night, the same band fired into the stemer Mitze Stephens, but she succeeded in escaping. No boats are now permitted to leave Alexandria after dark. The Alice Vivian brings 900 contrabands, mostly

datk. The Ance visin are women as collider. The Ance visin and Capt. Junning, military officer of the Illinois, and Capt. Lowson of the Vivian, will accept our thanks for the Vivian will accept our thanks for W. have a hope of gathering further particulars in

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The above news was received and issued by us in an agree that this morning. Upon inquiring at headquarters for the first may be learned that none whatever had been ye sived. We see no cause to doubt its correctness, save if it this is the first of April. We would not advise any atton speculators to be influenced by it one way or the her. It may or may not be true. We believe it, but i ould not bet a postage stamp upon it.

Later from Bed River.

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From Mr. Wilkinson, clerk of the steamer Laurel Hill, from Alexandria yesterday at la. m., we have later intelligence from our army at that place. We learn from Mr. Wilkinson that the gunbout Eastman and two others, manes not recollected, had got above the shoals, bound for Shreveport.
The had forces under Gen. A. J. Smith left Alexandria let Saturday morning, also en route for Shreveport.

Port. We shall no doubt soon learn of some hot work in

Shrevepert in Our Possession.

The U. S. transport steamer James Battle, which left Alexandria Tuesday morning, has arrived. We had the pleasure of an interview with her communder, Capt. James D. Phillips, from whom we gain some intelligence of the greatest importance.

The Union forces, both on land and water, had made a complement of the greatest importance.

The Union forces, both on haid and water, and maker rapid progress toward the interior, driving the enemy before them, and news reached Alexandria the day before yesterday that Shreveport had been taken possession of by the Union troops.

None of the place had been made public, although t was known that the gunboats were the first to arrive there.

# New-York Tribune.



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... 422 P. J. Krauser.

IBERVILLE.

ST. BERNARD.

ST. JAMES.

A High and Deserved Compliment.

The War Department has paid Gen. Banks

President Lincoln on Louisiana Politics.

AVOYELLES. .... 119; L. P. Normand ....

The vote was apparently a unit, as but 120 votes

NEW-YORK, MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1864.

The Constitutional Election—Louisians
Free Forever!—Complete Triumph of
the Free-State Policy—The Orienns
Delegation Unanimous for a Free Constitution.

The power are, no doubt, intended to be temporary, and will be withdrawn as soon as the people of Louisiana shall have adopted a Constitution harmonizing with the age.

THE METROPOLITAN FAIR.

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UNDIMINISHED THRONG OF VISITORS.

Disgusting Brutality.

From The N. O. Era, 29th ult.

The election yesterday, for members of a Constitutional Convention, resulted in a complete triumph of the Free-State party. With few exceptions, the regular Free-State toket was elected in this parish; and in these exceptional cases the successful candidates are in favor of a Free Constitution.

We have no doubt the result is equally gratifying throughout the State.

The Concernate were not in the field, though a few We thought the age of whipping-posts and branding-irons was over—in the city of New-Orleans at any rate—but every now and them a case comes up to remird our achievities that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. The following letter comes to us so authenticated, that, as journalists, we are bound to publish it, and if its statements can be verified, as we have no doubt they can, the autherities are no less bound to look into such a meastrons proceeding, and inflict upon the perpetrators the punishment it merits:

To the Editor of The N. O. Times:

Permit me to make known through the medium of your columns, an instance of the most shocking barbar-The Copperheads were not in the field, though a few f them crept into the so-called "Citizens' ticket." The reand flogging they received in the election of

February 22, convenees their cause, and they did not venture upon another race with the Free State party.

It is with pride and pleasure that we record the fact that a full and complete victory has been achieved for a Free Constitution.

The total vote cast in the city and Algiers is about 3,500. This, considering the fact that the weather was rainy and disagreeable, and that there was not copposition enough to the regular Free State nominations to induce the people to go to the polls in such force as they would had the Copperheads put a ticket in the field, is very good indeed. When the returns from the country are all received, we think the total vote will amount to considerably more than the President's Proclamation required to restore the State to the Union.

Below will be found a detailed statement of the vote: [The names indicated by stars are the names of those elected.] possession of this city they never let her go out of the house for fear she might seek to befree. They beat her in the most cruel manner, worked her like a mule, and the worst of it they nearly starved her to death. This in the most cruel manner, worked her like a mule, and the worst of it they nearly starved her to death. This morning I was told that her mistress beat her with a brocomstletk in a most barbarous manner; the neighbors remonstrated, but in valu. The poor woman, finding no relief from her miseries, made her escape this aftermon through a neighboring yard, by removing a few of the partition boards, leaving her clothes behind. They are now on her track to kidnap her back into Slavery. Her mister has been, until very recently, in Government employ.

New-Orleans, March 31.

Negre Employment Certificates.

PARISHES OF JEFFERSOS AND ST. CHARLES, LA., CARROLATOS, March 28, 1864.
The following extract from General Order

THE WAR IN THE SOUTH-WEST.

Reported Capture of Shreveport by Gen. Steele's Force-Appearance of Part of Porrest's Force Near Memphis-Our

Pickets Driven In.

CAIRO, Ill., Saturday, April 9, 1864.

proval of Gen. Buckland, countersigned by W. P.
Miller, Special Treasury Agent. No more permits for
goods going beyond the military lines of the city will be
In almost every department there are many queer. granted for the present. The Memphis cotion market is active and firm, with

The steamer J. J. Rowe has arrived from New Or

Cincinnati, and 350 hhds, sugar and 27 bales cotton for

The steamer Empress has also arrived from New-Or-Cincinnati, and 300 hhds. of sugar for St. Louis.

CA1110, April 10, 1864.

The War Department has paid Gen. Banks one of the greatest compliments it could bestow, by adopting and promilgating throughout the military division of the Mississippi his system of Free Labor, contained in the celebrated order No. 23. "Orders No. 9," dated "Vicksburg, Miss., March 11, 1824," and signed "by order of the Secretary of War, L. Thomas, Adjutant-General," reads as follows:

"The following regulations respecting the leasing of plantations within the limits of the military division of the Missiappi, and the management of the freedmen thereon, are published for the information and government of all concerned.

"The rules adopted by Major-Gen. N. P. Ranks in the Department of the Culf have, for the sake of uniformity, been taken as a basis, with such modifications as the experience of the past year has dictated as most beneficial to the interests of this section of the country.

"The occupation of the plantations and employment of the freedmen, having been directed by the President of the United States, must be regarded as a settled poley of the Government, and it is the duty of all military commanders and troops to efford protection to the fullest extent to this most important interest whenever it can properly be done.

"When a steamboats are employed by proper authority,

fullest extent to this most important interest whenever it can properly be done.

"When atsemboats are employed by proper authority, transporting freedmen or supplies for plantations, such boats will not be taken possession of unicas under an imperative necessity, and then only under the immediate order of the General in command of the Department, Corps, or District.

Then follows the whole of General Order No. 3, with some slight and unimportant modifications. Gen. Banks, in this order, seems to have solved, to the satisfaction of the whole country, a problem which had long perplexed it.

Letters have been received in this city from President Lincoln, in which he expresses his hearty gratification at the rapid strides Louisiana is making in her return to the Union. Heaven grant that before our honored Chief Magistrate transmits to his successor the official mantle he has so worthly worn, not only Louisiana, but all the "wayward sizers," may be found arrayed junder the banner of Union and Liberty.

[Era, March 30.]

None of the place in the commande public, although upstice of the place he made public, although twee was known that the guilboats were the first to arrive there.

Several of the iron-clads and transports crossed the falls several days since, and proceeded up the river at once, and Gen. Smith's troops were en route at the same time, and in the same direction.

Capt. Phillips says considerable difficulty was experienced by our feet in getting above the falls, and one of our steamers we lock. Sie was a hospital boat, and proved very userful. The Captain could not remember her name.

Refuges from Mississippi Flocking to TROOPS.

A brilliant little skirmish took place a few thirty-five arrived with the information that seven and Louisians Cavalry, Cok. Kelly, and about 30 garry refuges were coming in a body, and Gonzales.

The local Louisianians were stationed in a large brick atable at White Hall. St. James parish, and were at tacked on the morning of the 23d.

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The Times of the 31st has the following:

We learn that the Government at Washington has not only recognized the Hon. Michael Hahn as civil Governor under the Constitution and laws, but anticle pating that circumstances might arise to which the old Constitution and laws might not be applicable, the Constitution and laws might not be applicable, the President, in addition to his power as civil governor, has conferred upon him all the powers of a military the Potomac.

Oratorio at the Union-Square Buildings.

TOTAL RECEIPTS, \$562,904 66.

Saturday was truly a raw and gusty day, more befitting the fexit of the Winter months than the commencement of the vernal season-yet so it was. The wind most unmistakably had

"Sprong up from a sleep Saying, now for a frolic, now for a leap, Now for a mad-cap galloping chase, I'll make a commotion in every place."

Besides chilling everybody almost to the heart's core. it took nawarrantable liberties with crimoline and 'kicked up a dust" generally, powdering men, women and children, whom business or pleasure called abroad. from head to foot. On account of the unpropitiousness of the weather people generally argued that the crowd at the Fair would not be so great as on the preceding warm sunshiny days, and as a fine opportunity would be afforded of seeing the numerous sights they guessed they'd go-and so they did; but upon passing the gates they found themselves only as drops in the bucket, mercly one of the vast surging throng who had flocked thither on the same argument.

In the morning the visitors were afforded a better chance of walking through the buildings and examining the goods at their leisure, as hundreds were deterred at oon and evening there was one continuous throng or Particenth street en route for the Pair, and the jam

balding, and it will be continued at that figure until at there is a visible abatement in the crowd. Under the Steetion of Superintendent Kennedy, the policemen tationed in all the passages or other places likely to directed them to take the right or left in going to or of a volume containing engravings from all the works

been disposed of during the past week, there appears no were needed, is the gift of four volumes of her own diminution in the display of either fancy, ornamental or poems, by the Marchieness de Bannes, who has written tions, the contributions sold have been those to which a title of which she seems proud-"grand-niceo of the reasonable price was attached, and we have heard many Count d' Estaing." Americans do not need to be rerecearies by people of ample fortunes and well-to-do minded as to who D' Estaing was, or what good service The Red River correspondent of The Nest fake, in regard to the fabulous prices marked on thous be did us, and we have no doubt thus, for memory's sake, belone Delta notices an unconfirmed report that Gen. anda of the articles-200, 300 and even 500 per cent his fair descendant's gift to the sons of those her ances and that large numbers of cattle and poules were balod they would like to secure some little memorio of the Memphy dates of hat avening, and the tales of ection prices which have been exacted by fairs generally from Seward.

of the intermerial. test receipts of all the other fairs which have been held At an early hour in the foreneon the tide about the country combined, they ...... plunder taken by him at Padmah. The sont prices affixed to many of the goods will only serve to

and Surgical Bazast, which is in charge of Mrs. Ogden chine, valued at \$125, the gift of Geo. T. Strong; a first-pleasant wittleisms and laughter. class microscope, \$200, by Pike & Sons; engineering deal clock.

The Spirit of the Fair; but, with other equally meritorious poems, it has not yet appeared in that eminently

# PRICE THREE CENTS.

Oh. mighty Ox! huge specimen of sire!

Oreat mass of ponderounces! Oh. thousand steaks!

Luough to let the whole world cormandize—
Soup hones enough to fill all kettles. ShaksPeare, nor John Milton, nor that other one
Who wrote the famous Idylis of the King—
I mean—who could I mean but Tennyson.
Could justice do to such a monstrous thing
As you are. Words there are not to describe
Your adiposal binness. Numeration fails
To "foot up" every pound you weigh. Your tribe,
If many like you it can boast, on scales
Must be the most stopendous feature of
The animal kingdom. Sorely you're the first
(In point of great obserness), creature of
All living things. What one was it that nurs
So great a calf! Come, answer if you can:
Inform me by your bellowing language, Sir,
And be the first big ox to all with man.
Or, if you wish some good interpreter,
Sout your desire. Why do you hesitate!
Your passe is heavy. Sure as I am born
You shake your head at me. I know your "gaft,"
You ask me if I'll come and take a horn.
No, Sir, I must decline, oh, friendly ox!
Not at the present time would I partake.
Of your great kindness. When the butcher knocks
You down, and you're "cove in" and "no mistake,"
I may accept your offer. But till then,
Bowland Jupiler, I say good bye.?
If e'er, Colossal Beet, we meet azain
"Will be when you are roasted—probably.

THE ROMAN DETARTMENT.

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The articles contributed to the Fair by American resident in Rome, and by a few of the Italians in that city who sympathize with the noble object of that great enter prise, have at length arrived, after a delay which is loughs are to be granted, save in extreme cases, until quite unaccountable. However, the best way to make ap for the lost chances of the opening week is to make all the haste possible to secure these precious and beau-

tiful mementos of the Imperial City. some very fine brenzes, inkstands, antique Roman lamps, a model of the bell of St. Peter's, a number of ancient lamps, cups, and vases in terra cotta, in excelin cork, of the temple at Paestum, ought to be bought

buildings, many of them by Bacchi, whose pictures are considered the best made in Rome. Then, there is Miss ome blocked up, kept the visitors on the move, and Cushman's handsome gift-not her only one, howeverming from the various departments. In this way of Canova; and among the pleasant evidences that Although hundreds of the articles on exhibition have gles, was something more than a sentiment, if evidence mental or poems, by the Marchieness de Bannes, who has written oful goods on the various stands. With few excep- her autograph upon the title page, and added to it the

shools of Red River to cooperate with our had forces, in money, some of them as high as \$1,000, and while good store of reseries and cracifixes biessed by the Pope, whose benevolent face has for a whole aptured by our scouting parties as well as ention most exhibition, either of the useful or organization booked down upon the only unoccupied stell in the Fair;
The session Molly Atle arrived here to-night with order, they object to paying the usual extravagant unoccupied, at least, except by the marble bust of Mr.

Considerable excitement existed as Marsphile, area. While these some persons have been and still are. Although the price of admission to the Pair was raised to conveyance of one picture being driven in at General transform, a few miles one on the Charleston and Memoria the receipts of the Marsphile research that the least of the marsphile one on the Charleston and Memoria the receipts of the Marsphile rec Momphis militia have gone to the front to meet any at- bring them noder the anctioneer's hammer, when shop crowded-packed with an immense mass of visitors dealers generally will rush in and bid them off for a From stall to stall and from room to room the mass ig. by which course thousands of dollars will be slowly surged, sweeping along with it fancy goods, mait liquors, light wines and medicines, without the ap- lost to the Commission; and the handlwork of our toys, books, pictures, statuettes, as the waves of the sea In almost every department there are many queer, that the symmetry and beauty of the exhibition refunny, and interesting articles to be seen. At the Optical mained as attractive as before.

One of the most noticeable and praiseworthy charac an upward tendency for the higher grades. Receipts very light. Middling, 62c.; good middling, 64365c., the visitor may, for a trifling consideration in currency. be afforded the fellelty of microscopically beholding the as they frequently did, and the collision resulted in the circulation of blood in the web of a frog's foot, or the crushing of bonnets and the tearing of crinoline, there thus be cans with 320 hhds, sugar, and 300 bbls, molasses for happiness of looking through a solid brick. The contributions at this stand are a double-plate electrical mm good nature prevailed everywhere, manifesting itself in

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

On Saturday evening the oratorio of Judas Macca-The steamer Silver Moon has arrived with Otto & Reynders, Geo. Tremain, Wade & Ford, Hern-certs and exhibitions for the entertainment of children

on Saturday in a sinking condition.

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC

Preparations for the Nev

CAMP FOLLOWERS CLEARED OUT

## GRANT'S NEW GENERAL ORDER

WASHINGTON, Friday, April 8, 1864. The following is a synopsis of General Orders, No. 17, issued yesterday from the Headquarters of the Army of the Potomac:

First: In view of the near approach of the time when this army may be expected to resume active operations, corps and other independent commanders will car public and private property, for which transportation is not furnished by existing orders, to be sent to the reas with as little delay as practicable. Second: All sutlers and their employees will leave this army by the 16th inst., and should sutlers be found

with the army after that date, their goods will be confis, cated for the benefit of the hospitals, and their em ployees be placed by the Provest-Marshel at hard labor-Paragraph third provides, that after the 16th instant no citizen shall be allowed to remain with the Army ex cept Government employees, members of the Sanitary and Christian Commissions, and registered newspaper correspondents.

Paragraph five revokes the authority heretofore dele gated to Corps Commanders to grant furloughs and leaves of absence except in the case of reënliste veterans; and with this exception no leaves or far further orders.

Paragraph six requires corps and other independe ommanders to send in a list showing the na regiments of officers and men doing duty in their commands who belong to regiments serving in other armice or departments. These lists must also show the circum stances under which such officers and men have been letained with this Army.

Paragraph seven requires that all officers at doing duty in other corps than their own shall be reurned to their regiments, aids-de-camp to general officers and men on duty with batteries exc WASHINGTON, April 10, 1864.

A letter from the Army of the Potomae save Gens, Meade, Humphreys, Ingalls and Patrick visited Lieut.-Gen. Grant at Culpepper on Friday. The army has been considerably strengthened, and

the men are anxious for active operations. Much complaint is daily heard in consequence of the loss of letters by the present mail arrangements Of four privates recently found guilty of desert

one is to be shot, and the others are to forfeit pay and allowances due, and be sent to the Dry Tortugas. A corporal, for stealing \$20 from a prisoner of was while under his charge, is sentenced to a similar pun

## XXXVIIIth CONGRESS .... First Session

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, April 9, 1864.
THE THEASON OF MR. LONG.
The SPEAKER (Mr. Colfex, Un., Ind.) called
fr. Rollins (N. H.) to the chair, and, rising to a queeon of privilege, offered the following preamble and
exclution.

telescope, \$75, by Beckel Brothers; astronomical clock, \$300, by Alenzo Taylor; transparent dial magic clock, by J. Schwippl; surgical and dental instruments, by J. Schwippl; surgical and dental instruments, by additors. Every afternoon and evening there are considered and their friends, and they have become very popular stein & Chevulier; and some elegant pebbles and French thermometers by Semmens. The curious instrument thermometers by Semmens. The curious instrument by which those who desire may look through a brick.

A number of pretty little girls are employed here as as-The stormer Silver Mon has arrived with the stormer Silver Mon has arrived with the stormer silver with the stormer silver mon has arrived with the stormer silver mon has arrived with the stormer silver mon has a strong to the stormer silver mon has a

United States Navy, has been lying very ill at the Whit-

gentleman, suggested that the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Cox replied that the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. ney House. He was removed to the St. Luke's Hospital

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